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Ottawa delegation attends General Assembly

By Stephanie Levitz

Unity and solidarity was the theme surrounding this year's General Assembly of United Jewish Communities recently held in Washington, D.C.

Titled "We, the People," a nod to the U.S. constitution and the unified voice of North American Jewry that is the GA, the four day conference hosted more than 3,000 leaders from 189 Jewish federations across North America and the world. Nine members of the Ottawa Jewish Community took part — Gerry Levitz, president of the Vaad Ha'ir; Mitchell Bellman, Vaad executive director; Ruth Silbert, director of Vaad planning; Marty Davis, director of United Jewish Appeal; and Ingrid Levitz, chair of Partnership 2000, formed Ottawa's adult delegation while Jonah Rabinovitch, Dov ben-Reuven, Sam Mendelson and Barry Zeldis represented the Jewish student unions of Carleton and Ottawa universities.

"On one hand, the GA program is about community building, the next generation,

developing skills for federations to serve their constituencies, strengthening connections with Israel and halacha," said Co-National GA Chair Sandy Baklor, "while the GA experience is about networking, meeting and learning from members of the Jewish community from all over the world."

Skill sets and networking took place in the dozens of seminars held each day of the GA. The Ottawa delegation met on the night before the official start of the GA to plan their attack on the schedule. With pens and programs in hand, they plotted out who would be attending what seminar, in order to maximize the knowledge they could bring back home.

No matter what seminar they attended, the hot conversation topic among delegates was the aftermath of September 11 and the U.S.'s relationship with Israel. The three top-level dignitaries who addressed separate plenary sessions of the GA — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, U.S. Director of

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A memorial service for the victims of September 11 was held at the GA. Ottawa was represented by nine delegates at the Washington conference.

Symposium on 'Nazi looted art' held at National Gallery

By Diane Koven

While all eyes were riveted on Ottawa's Byward Market area during the G20 summit, and people stayed away from the downtown in droves for fear of violence, a historic meeting was taking place in the National Gallery of Canada, right smack in the middle of what might have been "the action."

Over 75 delegates from across Canada, the U.S. and overseas, representing public institutions, museums and art galleries as well as Sotheby's and Christies, attended a symposium on Holocaust-era cultural prop-



Matisse's painting "Ode au Soleil" is an example of a painting returned to its rightful owners by an art museum.

erty sponsored jointly by The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and the Canadian Museums Association

(CMA).

Delegates participated in plenary sessions, panel discussions and follow-up discussion groups on the issues surrounding identification and restitution of cultural property stolen by the Nazi regime between 1933 and 1945. Leading experts in the field of provenance research and the legal and historical aspects of the issue attended the conference.

Keith Landy, president of the CJC, praised the CMA for its active participation in the partnership of organizing the symposium. "There is no shortage of controversy sur-

rounding the issue of Nazi-looted art," he said, "but the CMA did not shrink from its responsibility to deal with this topic in such an effective manner. It is a demonstration of true leadership."

Jack Silverstone, executive vice-president and general counsel of the CJC, was also appreciative of the efforts of the CMA. "We are committed to working with the CMA to develop, as much as we can, positive steps as a result of the conference."

In his opening remarks to the delegates, Neal Sher, well known for his work with the

International Commission on Holocaust-era Insurance Claims, implored the delegates to consider the moral and just aims underlying the issues at hand. "It is important to look at things from a historical and moral perspective," he said. "The objective is to do what is just and fundamentally fair, as difficult as that may be. Never can one achieve full justice in any arena involving the Holocaust; it simply is not possible. There will never be perfect justice, but the pursuit of justice, the pursuit of fairness, is in and of itself

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Ottawa delegation gains renewed sense of commitment

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Homeland Defence Tom Ridge and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson - sought to assuage the fear among Jewish leaders that the this relationship was in jeopardy.

Peres was effusive in his support of the United States' efforts in the war against terrorism, and strove to reassure the crowd that despite popular opinion, the U.S. and Israel were still partners in the peace process.

"I know you worry there is some misunderstanding between Israel and America," he told a hushed audience.

"But we are fighting the same war, moving in the same direction, with the same determination. What you are doing we feel is what should be done, what we are doing is in the same spirit and direction."

Director Ridge, appearing on the second day, said that his department was looking to Israel for help in making America safer.

"Since September 11th, we have much to do and much to learn. We can look to Israel to help," he said, citing his trips to Israel as one way that he understands the challenges of living in a terror-filled society.

Secretary Thompson also worked to assuage the fears that U.S. support for Israel was waning in the aftermath of the 11.

"Supporting Israel is absolutely essential to the security of the United States and to the advancement of freedom and democracy in our time," Thompson said at the closing session of the 11.

He also praised the United Jewish Community for its fundraising efforts in the aftermath of the attacks of September 11, and its commitment to human services



Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (left) and US Director of Homeland Defense Tom Ridge addressed separate plenary sessions.



in general.

"Any charity that distributes \$2 billion every year to help build better lives for untold thousands of men, women and children deserves abiding gratitude," he said.

"Gratitude for your generosity, your commitment to others and for the example you are setting for our entire country."

Vaad president Gerry Levitz said that some of his most striking memories from the GA were the addresses by the high-ranking U.S. government officials, especially their comments that Israel had unreserved American support. He also felt that listening to prominent Jewish members of the American community had an impact.

The address by Jeffrey

Schwartz, president and CEO of Timberland, was dramatic in the credit he gave Jewish institutions ... as significant contributors to his desire to be Jewish," said Mr. Levitz.

Among the institutions cited by Mr. Schwartz was Hillel, the umbrella organization of Jewish student groups worldwide. Jewish students were out in full force at the GA - over 700 student delegates took part in the student component of the conference - seminars targeted at increasing Jewish awareness and involvement on campuses.

Ingrid Levitz was impressed by what she heard when attending a seminar on student apathy on campus. "I was concerned regarding the level of apathy," she says, "but pleased to hear of the

number of active programs that exist on campus. The student groups, especially the Canadian student delegations were so enthusiastic."

Dov ben Reuven, president JSA Hillel, Ottawa U., found the conference a "huge inspiration." At seminars he attended he learned about the importance of building coalitions with other campus student clubs and the "huge contingent of support" available to Jewish student groups. Ben-Reuven is hoping more Ottawa students will be able to attend the next GA. They are he says, "the future leaders of the community."

The delegates to the GA adopted 11 resolutions reflective of the mood and needs of the North America's Jewish communities. Most were aimed at improving standards within Jewish communities in the fields of education, senior care and fundraising. The delegates also passed a resolution of solidarity with Israel.

The Ottawa delegation returned home armed with the knowledge they accumulated over four days, as well as a renewed sense of commitment to the Jewish com-

munity.

"While the GA is great opportunity to learn new ideas and meet professional and lay leadership from around the world, the greatest opportunity is to be personally motivated by listen-

ing to the best, brightest and most committed individuals involved in Jewish life," said Mitchell Bellman, executive director of the Vaad Ha'Ir.

Next year's GA will be held in Philadelphia.

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What's the difference between charity and tzedakah? That's the question posed at a recent UJA Cabinet meeting.

Jewish law says that it is the

duty of all Jewish people to give tzedakah. *Tzedakah*, which means justice, is a far cry from *charity*, which means helping the poor. The former is inspired by a sense of equality, the latter from pity.

At an early age we learn that life is not always fair. Some people have to work two jobs to make ends meet, while others are born into wealthy families. We can't always choose our lot in life. Child abuse, corporate down-sizing, and illness are some of the many factors over which we

have no control.

There are 1,500-1,800 Jewish people in Ottawa under the poverty line, many of whom live in extreme poverty. According to Jewish Family Services, there are 115 Jews in Ottawa who receive welfare or disability payments of \$500/month. A room in a boarding house is \$350/month, which leaves \$150 for food, clothing, transportation, and all other necessities.

Through the UJA supported Tikvah Fund, JFS provides additional subsidies to help these individuals meet basic needs. Unfortunately, the number of individuals needing support is on the rise.

There are countless other examples of economic and social disparity in Ottawa, in Israel, and overseas. UJA is our community's way of providing for the many – not just the few.

But we should not give tzedakah out of pity or heartache. We should help others because life is not fair, and because it is our duty to ensure that justice is served by alleviating the poverty and suffering among us. It starts with you.

Volunteer profile: Shelley Rivier



Where do you volunteer?

I am on the Board of Directors for Ottawa Modern Jewish School. Our dedicated Board has managed to revitalize our school's direction and almost doubled our enrollment. I sit on the parent advisory council at my children's public school. I have come to realize that educating our children well is an investment in all of our futures. I also volunteer for the UJA telethon and Walkathon as a way to thank the UJA for their continued support of OMJS. Finally, I have offered to volunteer my time as a roadie for Elton John's current tour and am still waiting for a response. Maybe they lost my letter?

What do you find most challenging about volunteering?

Trying to strike a balance between working full-time, caring for a young family and striving to meet the challenges in the community. I have three children and feel compelled to make a difference in my children's lives in a more global sense.

When have you most felt that you make a difference?

Two challenges that I have seen bear fruit, would be the rejuvenation of OMJS this year with the help of grants from the UJA and the work of committed parents. Also, after being on the School Closure list three times in the past 5 years, we have been able to keep our public school open.

Matter for your mind

Any society has to be judged by how it cared for those who are the weakest.

Plato

Do you know a quotation or short anecdote that reflects the UJA's ideals? Call 798-4696 ext.246, or e-mail skimmel@jccottawa.com.

From the mouths of ...

Why is it important to help other people?

When you help others, you make them feel better about themselves and happy. Also, if you need help one time, if you helped a lot before, the person would probably help you out.

But if you didn't they might not want to.

Alexa, age 10, Talmud Torah Afternoon School.

I lift up my eyes ...

Hunger, like UJA, knows no borders.



Do you have a photograph of someone the UJA has helped either directly or indirectly? Please e-mail it to skimmel@jccottawa.com, or drop it off at the UJA office.

The bottom line

They said I wouldn't live through the night and I did. Then they said I would never walk again, and seven months later I am walking. If you will something, you can make it happen.

Monique Wasserman, Terrorist Victim, Bus incident outside Tel Aviv - February, 2001

Growing up Jewish in Columbia

By Ely Leyman

Recently, over 70 Jewish women gathered at the Gibson home to hear a remarkable young Jewish woman speak. Ambassador Fanny Kertzman of Colombia captivated her audience with her story as a Jewish woman, wife, mother and daughter. She spoke of her educational pursuits, career rise, and very successful entrepreneurship.

Meeting many difficult challenges, she has been lauded for her dedication and outstanding work by the Colombian government.

Kertzman presented the history of Colombia's Jews, giving a vivid description of its Jewish communities. She charmed the audience with her vivacious warmth, her smile, and her candid directness. She generously shared

not only her triumphs and remarkable achievements, but also her hardships.

Jennie Claman introduced the Pushke/Tzedakah Box Campaign entitled, 'Children helping Children', which encourages and teaches children in the mitzvah of giving charity. As well a short video highlighting the excellent work of Emunah on behalf of 'children at risk' in Israel was



At Emunah Women's next program on February 5 at the National Library of Canada, curator Sheryl Jaffee will present a 'Special Showing of Selected Treasures of the Lowy Collection.'

Colombian Ambassador Fanny Kertzman (right) receives the 'Tree of Life' certificate from Agneta Gibson. (Photo: Sylvia Klein)

Community invited to Chanukah Ball December 15

Once again, the Ottawa synagogues are combining their efforts and community ruach to create an annual festive tradition. The Chanukah Ball will take place on Saturday, December 15, 7:30 pm at Beth

Shalom Synagogue, 151 Chapel Street.

The Chanukah Ball is a joint celebration of seven synagogues whose members invite the entire community to dine and dance to the elegant catering of David Smith

and the sound sensations of the band, Carnegie.

Tickets cost \$45 a person and may be purchased at the following locations: Adath Shalom (820-8998), Agudath Israel (728-3501), Beth Shalom (789-3501), Beth

Shalom West (723-1800), Machzikei Hadas (521-9700), Ottawa Reconstructionist Havura (235-9414) and Temple Israel (224-1802).

The Chanukah Ball will proudly honour Temple

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contacted.

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The service is provided on an ongoing daily basis or for short periods of time

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This project is in memory of Mrs. Naomi Bulka, a'h.
a paragon of chesed in our community.



The Kosher Fair provided samples of delicious dishes.

Largest turnout in years'

By Elian Olvon

This year's Arts Alive attracted more than 2,000 people to its four days of programming and events. Anna Heilman, who launched her book *Never Far Away* was one of the event's highlights. The book describing Heilman's involvement in the "Auschwitz Gun Powder Plot," sold more than 140 copies and hundreds of people attended to hear her lecture and ask questions.

The Kosher Fair provided mouthwatering samples of kosher dishes from caterers such as David Smith and

Rideau Bakery. Twelve of Ottawa's finest artists were also at the fair displaying and selling much of their work. And while many of the adults enjoyed the art and photo displays, children had a ball with special kids programs such as Mad-Science and the Junkyard Symphony.

Linda Kerzner, president and chief operating officer of the Soloway JCC, summed things up. "We've had the largest turnout in years, and it was great to see the community together, renewing its bonds through the celebration of art and literature."

Dedication of Tree of Life

A dedication ceremony of the *Tree of Life* recently took place at the Lodge. The evening, hosted by Board of Directors President Eric Weiner, was one of song and celebration in tribute to Mrs. Inez Zelikovitz, who graciously donated the *Tree of Life*.

Cantor Benlolo, supported by a choir of enthusiastic youngsters, performed a medley of lively music, including a poignant "Eitz Chaim." The choir members were not the only people singing Mrs. Zelikovitz's praises. Eric Weiner, on behalf of the residents, board and staff, presented her with flowers and a plaque in recognition of her generosity.

A packed audience comprised of community dignitaries filled the main lobby. Of special note were the families and friends who dedicated the first six leaves on the *Tree of Life* in honour of: Sonia and Harry Agulnik, Baruch and Esther Murray, John Roberts, Sarah

Gottdank Toronto, Diane Wexler and Rhoda Zinman.

Located in a prominent area in the Main Lobby - the *Tree of Life* was generously donated by Mrs. Zelikovitz in honour of her late husband Joseph. Mrs. Zelikovitz wanted to honour his memory and provide the supporters of the Lodge the opportunity to contribute to the Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre. She thought of a *Tree of Life* as both a true work of art, and a way to raise funds for the care and comfort of the 100 residents at the Home.

Ottawa artist Ralph Durdin created this original work. Several of Mr. Durdin's works were purchased by the Government of Canada and given as gifts to many European heads of state. Other pieces can be found in corporate and public institutions throughout North America.

The cost of a leaf is \$2,500.00 and can be paid by cheque, cash, Visa or on

Inez Zelikovitz is recognized for donating the *Tree of Life* to Hillel Lodge.

the installment plan. Donors receive an income tax receipt and the knowledge that the funds from the *Tree* are used to improve the residents' quality of life.

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VAAD Report

Ian Sherman, CA
Chair of the Board
Soloway JCC

Editor's note: Vaad President Gerald Levitz has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

At this time of year, we have two wonderful reasons to celebrate. We are currently enjoying all of the spirit and joy associated with the festival of Chanukah and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC).

For 50 years the SJCC has provided our community with quality educational, social, recreational and cultural programs and services. Since 1951, the SJCC has partnered with a variety of organizations to strengthen our focus and goal of enriching family life and of building a secure and caring community. As members of the Jewish community we know that the SJCC is the place where we come together to get in touch with our traditions and discover the pleasures of belonging.

So what do the celebration of Chanukah and the 50th anniversary year of the SJCC have in common? The Hellenic culture of the day very much mirrored what we as Jews are faced with today in terms of the influence of the broader North American culture. Israel at that time was a colony and part of a larger world, a world that was per-

ceived as being attractive and engaging and many Jews became assimilated as a result.

The miracle of Chanukah is the belief that a minority can persevere. The Maccabees faced assimilation into the Hellenic culture. Their constant and brave efforts allowed this small group to ensure that Jewish culture would continue. Today, the Jewish communities of the world persevere against the multitude of larger world forces that can operate to pull them apart.

In Canada we are in a fight for the preservation of our Jewish culture. Fortunately institutions like the SJCC provide opportunities for people to maintain, enhance and reconnect with their Jewish identity. But reality is such that we live in a world of choices...will I work out at the SJCC or at another "club", will I put my child into the Gefilte Fish Swim Club or on my neighbourhood's swim team, will I join the Greenberg Families Library book club or my local library book club? Jews are only a small minority of the population. Jewish institutions such as the SJCC enable us to build a complete Jewish cultural life. Together we can learn, socialize, eat, exercise, go to camp, enjoy birthday parties and cherish holiday celebrations. Providing people with quality programs and services doesn't take away choices, but rather, provides an alternative, which is a complete Jewish life.

Like the Maccabees, the challenge is to marshall that flame and to keep it going. The eternal light is symbolic of the ongoing flame of Judaism and it is our obligation as Jews that we ensure that it continues.

As the SJCC embarks on its 50th anniversary fundraising campaign, which was launched in the November 26 issue of the *OJB*, recognize that only your dollars can guarantee our future by ensuring the long-term viability of the SJCC. Membership and program fees along with our annual UJA allocation are most appreciated but simply not

enough to sustain our dynamic programming. It is essential for us to raise further revenue so that we can remain the *centre of your life* and continue the vision and tradition for at least the next 50 years.

With over 5,000 people per week passing through our doors, the scope of the programming and services expected from our members and community must continue to be met.

Play an active part in ensuring that the SJCC is able to continue to provide you with programming with a distinctly Jewish flavour! You can do this by making sure that you choose to continue the fight of the Maccabees and make the support of organizations like the SJCC a priority in maintaining your Jewish identity.

For more information on ways to financially support your Jewish community centre, call Josie Finestone, revenue development manager (789-9818, ext. 444).

Chag Sameach and Happy Chanukah to all of you and your families and we look forward to seeing you here at the SJCC.

Symposium held at National Gallery

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worthy and a noble cause."

When, during the question period following Sher's remarks, Pierre Theberge, director of the National Gallery of Canada asked, "what about the argument that if restitution is made, the galleries will be flooded with requests and where will that leave them?" Sher replied curtly, "So? If galleries have to empty half of their holdings, so be it. If a work of art is known to have been stolen and no heir comes forward to claim it, it should go to the Jewish community or to the State of Israel. It is fundamentally unfair for any person or any institution to hold onto stolen art."

Following that, the delegates embarked on two days of deliberations, the results of which will be compiled, distributed and used to develop a plan of action for future considerations. In the meantime, a commitment was made to try to enhance the level of provenance research at all museums and facilities.

"I think it was a very consciousness-raising exercise," said Silverstone. "It was very much a first step, but the fact that people came from across the country was very consequential and very significant. There was a lot of good will and a lot of people who were searching for ways to do the right thing."

Chanukah a time to increase the quality of Jewish life

Most are familiar with the story of the miracle of Chanukah. After a struggle for religious freedom, the Jewish people triumphed over the Syrian-Greeks and the victorious "Kohanim" found only one container of oil to light the Menorah in the Temple. The oil had to be pure olive oil, stamped with the seal of the High Priest. The found container held enough oil to burn for a single day. A miracle occurred when the oil lasted for eight days.

The very nature of this miracle has been questioned by the Beis Yosef (Rabbi Yosef Caro). The miracle, he says, was actually a seven day miracle, because the jar contained enough pure oil for one day. Therefore the Chanukah miracle should be celebrated for merely seven days and not eight. There are many answers to this question (one authority suggests 100).

The Beis Yosef himself suggests three solutions.

1) The oil in the jar was divided into 8 parts from the onset. Each night the "Kohanim" put one of these portions into the Menorah, thus the miracle took place on all eight nights.

2) They poured the entire jar of oil into the Menorah the first night, but the jar remained full as before.

3) On the first night they put all of the oil into the Menorah and it burned the entire night, yet in the morning they found the cups of the Menorah still full of oil.

While there are many more questions concerning the Beis Yosef's three answers, I wish to share one final question with you regarding the miracle of Chanukah. Oil for the Menorah had to be made from pure olive



From the pulpit

Rabbi Mordechai Berger
Young Israel

oil. How could the mitzvah be performed with this oil when the oil used during those eight days was not olive oil but the oil made by a miracle, hence not qualifying as pure olive oil? The answer to this question teaches us that quality of life is essential. The miracle of Chanukah was not of quantity, an increase in the amount of oil, but rather in the quality, an intensification in the strength of oil which allowed it to burn for eight days.

Hence the celebration of Chanukah celebrates a time to increase and intensify the quality of our Jewish life. Increasing our exploration of our Jewish roots enhances the quality of Jewish life. By investigating the teachings of Torah and exploring the experiences of the traditional observances, we enhance our ability to rejoice in Jewish living!

May we all be able to rejoice together with the coming of Moshiach, speedily.

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Editor

Barry Fishman

'Hope without delusion'

The night Dr. Mark Rosenblum, historian and political director for Americans For Peace Now, spoke at the SJCC, a suicide bomber blew up a bus in Northern Israel killing three people. Rosenblum ended his speech by noting that peace is still possible and he has "hope without delusion" that an agreement can be reached.

Last week Dr. Yossi Olmert, an Israeli leading expert on the Middle East and politically on the far right of Rosenblum, told me that although the Palestinians don't stand behind their pledges and that they use "violence for tactical purposes" he was "guardedly optimistic" that solution could be found. His reasoning was that some of the leaders under Arafat were realizing that the Intifada has accomplished nothing and it was time to re-think their strategy.

I had planned to write a story contrasting Rosenblum's and Olmert's views on how to reach a peace agreement in the Middle East. Why bother? As I write this, 25 more have died and 200 have been wounded in a series of suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Haifa. More deaths on both sides are likely by the time you read this. So much for "hope without delusions" and "guarded optimism."

Now is the time to mourn and to remember those who have died in the latest round of terrorist attacks. It is time to continue to show our support to the people of Israel as they suffer yet another blow. It is time for us to do what we can to help make Israel safe and help the injured recover from their dreadful wounds. It is time for our community to set up a special fund to help the victims of terrorism. It is time for our community to come together and find concrete ways to show our support for Israel. It is time to pray that

Violence and the Middle East

something good can come out of these evil acts.

For now I'll leave the analyzing to others. It is time to say Kaddish.

Preparing for the unthinkable

The Egyptian army used it in Yemen, the Iraqis used it against both their own people and the Iranians, and now they are threatening to use it against Israel. So how does Israel prepare for the unthinkable – a biological or chemical attack?

According to Dr. Theo Dov Golan, MD, you practise and practise and practise. And then when you think you have it right you practise some more. Dr. Golan, the former head of medical services for the Israeli army and an acknowledged expert in preparing Israel for chemical and biological attack, was recently in Ottawa to speak to senior Canadian officials in charge of Canada's emergency preparedness. Later in the day at a UJA gathering, he explained how Israel would medically respond to a biological or chemical attack.

Overall responsibility goes to the army's Home Front Command, an umbrella organization which coordinates all emergency civilian preparedness and actions in time of attack.

Information about an attack or serious threat is transmitted to the civilian population by radio. All Israelis are given and taught how to use a gas mask, an automatic syringe full of an antidote, and shown how to seal off a room in their home. Everyone must be near a radio to wait for instructions on when to use the antidote.

The primary care medical staff (emergency rooms) are continuously updated on how to recognize the different biological or chemical symptoms of their patients and to provide the information to the experts so the biological agent can be quickly identified.

At the hospital level, triage takes place in front of the hospital. Patients already in the hospital are moved to special units or to other hospitals in the area. An automatic call service and a staff back-up system

means that 75 per cent of off duty personnel can reach the hospital within 20 to 25 minutes. A station-to-station secure line means that the military command, hospitals and all emergency and government preparedness organizations can talk to each other.

To make sure that everything goes as planned all hospitals and emergency organizations hold coordinated surprise drills once a year. According to Dr. Golan, "We get together later and make an assessment" and within a month changes are put into effect to improve emergency response. He says, "We are quite good in planning and drilling," but hopes "we will never be tested."

Let's all hope that his wish comes true.

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Community supports food bank

Dear Editor,

We are delighted to congratulate you and your colleagues on placing such a prominent article relating to the emergency needs of the Kosher Food Bank on the front page of our recent Bulletin. Your editorial was invaluable in encouraging our community to recognize both the significance of the needs and that this is a societal emergency.

We have recently learned that since your article, a tremendous number of individuals have called the Agudath Israel Congregation to contribute, as well as to include the Kosher Food Bank as a recipient of their specific Jewish Community Foundation.

This urgency will not disappear. However, the support of the entire community will ensure that as many families and individuals who require it will be served. Without this provision, people will have to be turned away. As Ottawans, we never expected there to be this type of crisis or that Jewish individuals would require this service, but here it is. Your article increased awareness of this need. As Chanukah approaches, please aid us in reminding others to consider the mitzvah of contributing to this cause for the holiday ... and beyond.

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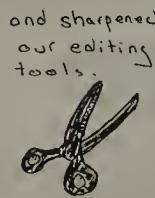
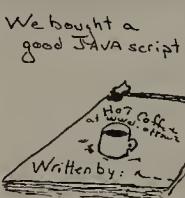
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The young man from Panama with big plans for his country

By Kinneret Globerman

Albert Sudarsky is going to put Panama on the map, so to speak. At least, that's his plan. And he may just be the fellow to do it. The 26-year-old native of Panama is the Panamanian embassy's cultural attaché in charge of tourism and the press, and while he may be one of the youngest diplomats in town, he isn't about to let that fact get in the way of his career.

And that is because nothing has ever held him back. Certainly not his youth (he will be the youngest person ever accepted to Queen's University's Executive MBA program). Not language (he speaks Spanish and learned to speak English in California). And not his Judaism (he went to *cheder* and then spent two years in a San Franciscan yeshiva before going to college).

Sudarsky grew up in a very Jewish community in Panama City — a bustling metropolis with a population of close to one million. There are about 10,000 Jews there, three synagogues (Sephardic, Ashkenazic and Reform) and three Jewish schools.

"There's a place called Punta Paitilla, where almost all the Jewish people live," says Sudarsky, "and we have a big road next to the sea, and on



Albert Sudarsky

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, you see massive amounts of people — two, three, four thousand walking [to shul]."

Compared to other Latin American countries, Panama is prejudice-free. Sudarsky claims that about 90 per cent of the commerce in his city is managed by Jews.

There are other things you wouldn't expect to find in a place that's best known for its canal. Panama is a paradise that should be renowned for its biodiversity. It has more wildlife than any other country in Central America, including 225 species of mammals, 214 species of reptiles and 143 species of amphibians. Panama, flanked by Costa Rica at the southernmost tip of North America and by Columbia at the northernmost tip of South America, has diverse ecosystems, from rain and cloud

forests to lakes, jungles, coral reefs, seacoasts and more than 3,500 km of beaches. It boasts 954 bird species, 20 of which are only found there. It is no wonder that 29 per cent of the country is protected by 15 national parks, 12 forest reserves and 10 wildlife refuges, one of which houses a laboratory for the Smithsonian Institute.

Yet Panama is also a country replete with skyscrapers, five-star hotels, casinos, cruise stops, restaurants offering international fare and 150 international banks, and the Colon Free Trade Zone — the second largest import and redistribution centre in the world.

"We call it the bridge of the world, the heart of the universe," says Sudarsky. "Other parts of Latin America are really well promoted. But Panama has better beaches; we have more species of birds than in all of North America, rain forests. It's a beautiful country."

And it was not too hard to sell it as a destination

place. Nolitours was already flying to Panama from Montreal and Toronto. So when Sudarsky got to Ottawa six months ago, he began marketing Panama to what was then a very viable Canadian airline, Canada 3000. Flights were to depart from Vancouver and Edmonton beginning December 7. The all-inclusive packages would have seen a boost in tourism. But with the demise of the airline, Sudarsky is back to square one.

"There are now 4,000 Canadians going to Panama [annually]," says Sudarsky. "The most important thing for me when I leave [my posting] in 2004 — there will be 15,000 to 20,000 Canadians going. I'll be really happy. You just have to aim high."

"[But because of September 11] people are holding onto their money. They don't want to travel or invest or do anything. [And] after what happened with Canada 3000, it will be harder."

With his diplomatic goals already aimed high,

Sudarsky has not bothered to set his personal goals any lower. It's that driving ambition, no doubt. French classes, enrolling at Carleton's School of International Affairs for the four-month course on 'Negotiating the Free-Trade Agreement' and starting the two-year intensive Executive MBA program in the fall are the goals he has set for himself. His ultimate aim: to negotiate a free trade agreement between Panama and Canada one day.

Sudarsky has made use of his limited free time to develop more of a social life. That hasn't been easy. While he meets regularly with the other Latino diplomats in Ottawa, he has met only a handful of Jews. And without a car, he's restricted from meeting more. It's also been a difficult adjustment culturally.

"In Panama, everyone talks to each other. Everyone is like, 'Hello, how are you?' even if you don't know

them."

"Here, you say, 'Hi!' and people just look at you!"

The climate has also taken getting used to.

"It's a really big change. Everything. The weather; that's a really big change. Here in November, I can't believe it's so cold. I've been to Europe and Asia and seen snow many times but, you know, it's not like living here and taking the cold for so long."

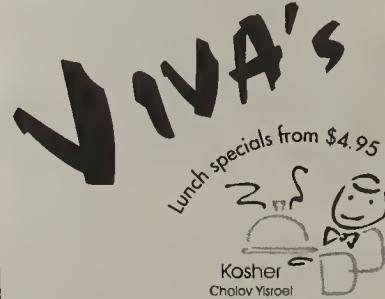
"I'm not used to this. So it's a hard change, the weather and the people."

They are all adjustments, though, that Sudarsky will make soon enough. With his genuine and outgoing personality, he is certain to garner new friends and thaw the more reticent around him. There is no doubt that he will put Panama on the tourism map. And there is absolutely no doubt that this ambitious young man will go places, and not just back to Panama.

Correction

The editorial copy for Sinders Bridal House in the *Bulletin's Art of the Party* supplement, November 26, 2001, should have read that Gabriella Stem-Young and her mother Jill Stern have owned the store for eight years.

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With the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the emphasis of the JNF shifted to land improvement and development. Accordingly, its chief projects were draining swamps, reclaiming hills through terracing and stone clearing, and leveling eroded terrain. In its impressive 100 year history, JNF has reclaimed about one million acres and made tremendous strides forward in afforestation: to date, the JNF's annual activities have seen the planting of 225 million trees. As part of its reclamation and afforestation programs, the JNF has prepared the infrastructure of over 1000 towns, villages, agricultural settlements and cities, and has built about 100 water reservoirs. JNF has paved roads, constructed storage dams for irrigation, opened new areas for settlement particularly in border areas and outposts, set up 'work villages' for immigrant absorption and built numerous parks and playgrounds for children and special needs children.

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Golden Book inscriptions

In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Evan Spergel has been inscribed in the Golden Book by his proud grandparents, Laura and Gordon Spergel.

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Mark Klyman

Expert on Middle East believes Palestinian leadership becoming more realistic

By Eugene Rothman

Dr. Yossi Olmert, a leading expert on Middle East affairs, recently addressed the first meeting of Carleton University's Jewish Studies Community Forum at a luncheon at Carleton. Faculty from Ottawa's three universities and colleges, students and community representatives participated.

Olmert spoke extensively about the changes that have occurred in the Middle East since the September 11 tragedy. In particular, he examined the hardening of American and Israeli policy with respect to the peace process and the resumption of negotiations with the Palestinian Authority and its Chairman, Yasser Arafat.

Olmert pointed out that despite widespread predictions of American pressure on Israel to make unilateral concessions to the Palestinians because of America's interest in obtaining Arab

and Muslim support for the International Coalition, this has not happened. On the contrary, Condoleeza Rice, President Bush's National Security Adviser has put pressure on Arafat to clamp down on terror before the President will meet with him.

Olmert also pointed out that the Palestinians now wish to return to the "deal" that they rejected in July 2001 at Camp David. He predicted that the current Israeli government would not make concessions on Jerusalem, would return the majority of the territories (but not 98 per cent) and would not accept a Palestinian "right of return." As a result, he feels that mainstream Palestinian leaders, such as Sari Nusseibah, are becoming more realistic.

Olmert, former director of the Israel Press Office, adviser to Prime Minister Shamir and Minister of Defence Moshe Arens, a university

lecturer and the author of three books on Syria and the Middle East, answered questions from participants.

Carleton University's Jewish Studies Community Forum was recently established to explore important themes affecting the Jewish community. This will provide faculty, students and lay and professional community leadership the opportunity to examine these subjects together on a continuing basis.

The theme for 2001/2002 is an exploration of the new realities that emerged after Durban, New York and the War on Terrorism. Olmert's

talk examined these new realities and new relations in the Middle East. Future speakers will deal with the need to re-examine a Jewish "foreign policy" in the wake of the Durban Conference on Racism, and local community relations and approaches to security after September 11.

The sponsors of the program are the Jewish Studies Program in the College of the Humanities at Carleton University, the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa and the Embassy of Israel.

For information on how to participate in the Forum, call Professor Eugene Rothman (520-2600, ext. 2531).

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"serves as a protection for the house." In the Jewish tradition, "the people live inside the palace [house] and God who is our King lives outside protecting us."

"There are many elements that ensure that a mezuzah is kosher," says Rabbi Blum of OTC Chabad, who organized and presented the program, "through the Mezuzah Workshop the children gain an appreciation of the complex and quite detailed process that makes a mezuzah fit for

use."

Students viewed the process of making a mezuzah scroll and observed many different types of mezuzahs and mezuzah cases. The students crafted, decorated and took home their very own mezuzah case.

"It was a super program," said Henny Honigman, principal of Star of David Hebrew School, "the mezuzah is something our students learn about, but when it is put into a hands-on

workshop it makes sense and it becomes visible to them as they engrave their own designs on their mezuzah cases."

Other schools that have taken part in the workshop include Temple Israel Religious School and Torah Academy of Ottawa.

OTC Chabad offers a series of hands-on workshop to schools and community groups in Ottawa. For more information please call Rabbi Blum (823-0866).



Rabbi Menachem Blum with students at Torah Academy.

Israeli solidarity concert attracts large crowd

Internationally renowned Israeli singer/entertainer Ron Eliran and Cantor Daniel Benlolo, chazzan of Beth Shalom West, performed classic Sephardic tunes, songs from Israel's Independence, Yiddish songs and much more to a large crowd at Nepean's Centrepointe Theatre. The concert, 'Yom Zeh L'Israel' was presented by Congregation Beth Shalom West and co-sponsored by the Embassy of Israel. The project, co-chaired by Elliot Melamed

and Eric Weisbloom was a fundraiser for the synagogue.

According to Melamed, "Ron Eliran brought us musically through the history of the State of Israel complete with a selection of tunes which he composed himself. He had us feeling intensely passionate and proud of Israel, he made us laugh, he had us clapping and singing with him and he brought a tear to many an eye."

Melamed and Cantor Benlolo decided on the theme of

the concert last March as a way for the community to come together and voice their solidarity for Israel in her quest for a just and lasting peace.

"The events of September

11 made the peace issue all the more poignant in all of our minds and made the show so much more meaningful for all," says Melamed.

Planning for next year's concert has already begun.

Mazal Tov!

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Rambam-Maimonides 'Menorah Masquerade' celebrates Chanukah

By Stephen Silver

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory – more than 2100 years ago – of a militarily weak but spiritually strong Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory – culminating with the rededication of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem and the rekindling of the Menorah which had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy

– has been celebrated annually ever since during these eight days of Chanukah, especially by lighting the Chanukah Menorah, also as a symbol and message of the triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

It is a timely and reassuring message, for the forces of darkness are ever present. Our Sages said, "A little light expels a lot of darkness." And a lot of light ... Well if you are not sure how to finish the line take a moment to visit Rambam

Maimonides, a Jewish Day school here in Ottawa.

During the month of Kislev (November 16–December 16) the school is having a "Menorah Masquerade". Each child from grades one to eight has enthusiastically participated by conceiving, constructing and displaying his/her own menorah. There are over 50 menorahs made from everything from chocolate chip cookies (a food theme of course)



Rambam-Maimonides students display the Menorahs they made to celebrate Chanukah.

Munch and Learn comes to Yitzhak Rabin High School

By Jordanna Ostrega

How is this for an interesting idea? Have a series of lunch-hour speakers and provide the students with a lunch to eat? Thus developed the concept of a "Munch and Learn" program at Yitzhak Rabin High School (YRHS) which would provide students with information on the lives of various members of our community. In addition to giving an overview of their life experience, the speakers are asked to talk about people who influenced them, to discuss what being Jewish means to them and to provide the students with some advice. Our first speaker was Joe Lichtenstein or, as most people

warmly refer to him, "Joe the Butcher."

On November 7, "Joe the Butcher" came to YRHS to speak at our first ever Munch and Learn. Many students anticipated his visit with much excitement. For many, it would be the first time they had seen Mr. Lichtenstein since his kosher butcher shop closed a few years ago. Though most remembered Mr. Lichtenstein as the kind butcher who made them laugh and gave them candy while their parents paid at the cash register, his visit to the school showed them a different side.

Mr. Lichtenstein began to tell the story of his childhood, his life in Satmar and his experiences during the

Holocaust. He described the hardship, loss and sickness he had to endure. He spoke beautifully and everyone there that afternoon was affected by his words.

Mr. Lichtenstein spoke about his life after the war, and after he came to Canada. He explained how his experiences in Toronto led him to open a kosher butcher shop in Ottawa. He told us about his immediate and extended family.

After his speech, many thoughtful questions were put forward and all were answered. "Joe the Butcher"

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Purpose of the Award

This award, established in honour of volunteer extraordinaire Ben Karp, is intended to recognize continued outstanding volunteer involvement on behalf of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. It will be presented on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the Annual Meeting and Awards Night of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. It is the highest award the SJCC bestows.

Nominations Nominations shall be submitted to the Selection Committee in writing by Thursday, December 27, 2001 and shall include a résumé of the nominee's involvement in the SJCC and the Jewish community.

Address nominations to: SJCC Ben Karp Award Selection Committee, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1R9.

Grossman-Klein Family Teen Leadership Awards

Purpose of the Award

Established by the Grossman-Klein Family, this award is intended to recognize exceptional volunteer service to the Jewish Community over a number of years, by one male and one female teen.

Nature of the Award

An award of \$100 will be presented to one male, and one female teen on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the Annual Meeting and Awards Night of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Nominations Nominations shall be submitted to the Selection Committee in writing by Thursday, December 27, 2001 and shall include a résumé of the nominee's involvement in the Jewish community.

Address nominations to: SJCC Grossman-Klein Family Youth Award Selection Committee, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1R9.

This year we have made a change in the way our athletic awards will be presented. The athletic awards normally presented at the Annual Meeting – The Irving "Shap" Shapiro Memorial Award, the Sharon Koffman Memorial Athletic Award, the B'nai Brith Canada Parliament Lodge No. 2139 Graduating Student Athlete Achievement Award and the Jack Goldfield Memorial Award for Youth Athletics – will now be presented at an exciting new event. The Ottawa Jewish Community Sports Hall of Fame breakfast. This special event will be held in the Spring of 2002 and will also honour all of our winning sports teams and annual inductee(s) into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. More details will follow shortly.

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How I see it

Bob Dale

Nortel Networks posts a \$3.5 billion third quarter loss, after announcing that it's cutting another 19,500 jobs. Air Canada says it will record a \$160 million quarterly loss, and delivers layoff notices to 9,000 workers. CIBC announces a cost-cutting program that will result in the reduction of 2,000 positions. Canada 3000 Airlines, losing \$750,000 a day, declares bankruptcy.

Every day, there's more bad economic news.

The overall impact of these individual events is found in Statistics Canada's monthly labour market survey. It reveals that full-time employment has dropped, and that the unemployment rate has risen to a two-year high. Another Statistics Canada report shows that Canadian manufacturers are more pessimistic about their economic prospects than they have been at any time since the 1990-91 recession.

The economic situation has hit Ottawa's Jewish community too. Several of the regulars at my synagogue, all of whom have strong qualifi-

cations in their respective fields, have joined the unemployment lines. According to Mark Zarecki, executive director of Jewish Family Services (JFS), today's economic realities have also had a dramatic impact on the situation his agency is facing. There are many more clients: up to 20 new people per month are now seeking assistance from JFS.

The Kosher Food Bank is facing new demands as well, says Zarecki, while the monthly donations it receives are decreasing. It's harder to donate food to others when you're having trouble feeding your own family. As a result, the food bank is having trouble meeting its existing needs, never mind the additional needs that have emerged. In addition, current space limitations mean that only 60 families can be served, at a maximum, per month.

A gloomy picture indeed. But there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. In a recent speech, Bank of Canada Governor David Dodge said that while the short-term

Making tough choices during tough times

economic outlook is bleak, we have to maintain a sense of perspective. We have to step back and look past current developments, and focus on the longer-term trends in our economy and its potential. Dodge went on to talk about the progress that had been made in the past decade in strengthening Canada's economic foundations, which he said should stand us in good stead, no matter what economic turbulence and near-term uncertainties we face. According to Dodge, once the uncertainty stemming from terrorist actions dissipates, healthy growth in output, investment, and employment will resume.

That's the good news. In the meantime, we need to deal with those "near-term uncertainties," and the severe difficulties many people and businesses are experiencing. Granted, strong economic foundations are important, but hunger has a way of focussing one's attention on more immediate concerns.

With that in mind, it's certainly not the right time for our governments to cut back on key services. That's what our own provincial government has hinted it might do, to deal with what Finance Minister Jim Flaherty calls "tough economic times." Several people in the know

say the provincial government may even target health care and other social programs for cuts. What a mistake that would be! Downturns are when citizens need governments' help even more, because of the impact they have on people's jobs, their communities, and their overall sense of economic well-being. During this particular downturn, another factor has been added to the mix. In the face of September 11 and its aftermath, people are really concerned about their physical safety. They don't want to lose the protection they get from police, firefighters, nurses, hydro workers, or the scientists who protect their water supplies, as a result of shortsighted government cutbacks or anything else.

People also need help from our own community organizations. Many of those organizations, suffering from severe cash crunches, are looking hard at new ways of raising additional funds so they can continue providing needed services. At the same time, many donors, suffering from their own financial setbacks, find themselves less capable of providing the level of funding they have provided in the past. It's

becoming a familiar story. As demand goes up, the ability to provide services is going down. But in many cases, such as with the food bank, it's hard if not impossible to cut back.

Given the current economic situation, maybe it's time we re-evaluated our own priorities, at least until Mr. Dodge's longer-term economic fundamentals kick in. It's not as if all of our collective resources have dried up. Therefore, as individuals and as a community, we have to make some of our own "tough choices." What services do people need the most right now, and how can the organizations we support best provide them, quickly, to as many people as possible? What items, while desirable, can wait until the economy turns around?

We have to ask ourselves some other tough questions. Is it really the right time to raise synagogues dues or user fees for programs or services, or enhance our buildings? Is it possible to focus our efforts on doing something to help people directly, for example, by working out a deal with grocery stores or suppliers to lower the price of kosher food? Is there something we can do, as a

community, to help people become re-employed? Would it be better, at least for the time being, to donate our money to JFS, the Kosher Food Bank or other organizations that help people survive from day to day, instead of spending thousands of dollars on yet another fancy Bar or Bat Mitzvah party?

These are the types of questions we have to ask and the choices we have to make in tough economic times. Let's hope that Governor Dodge's predictions will come true, and we will return to economic prosperity. Until that happens, let's make sure we provide for the people in our community who are having trouble weathering today's economic storms.

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Hillel Lodge gift shop success due to women volunteers

By Bob Dale

I don't know who coined the saying "if you want something done, give it to a busy person." Whoever it was must have been thinking about Lillian Zunder and Rickie Saslove.

Ex-Montrealers with a long history of volunteer work in our community, Zunder and Saslove co-manage the gift shop located in the lobby of the Bess and Moe Greenberg Hillel Lodge. I use the word "manage" very loosely, because in this case, it means doing just about everything that needs to be done to make the shop a success. That includes dealing with the store's 70 suppliers and ever-increasing complement of loyal customers; pricing, arranging, and rotating the shop's stock (which is mostly comprised of items that are unique to Ottawa); schlepping inventory up and down from the storeroom; supporting the efforts of the shop's employees; and attracting and scheduling volunteers. Aside from this, Zunder and Saslove often open the shop outside business hours to accommodate special events or customers who can't make it to the shop during regular hours; deliver items to customers' homes; and maintain a gift registry. Saslove also does the computer work and designs the artwork that is on sale, donating a portion of the proceeds back to the gift shop.

Given the obvious demands on their time, the question is why Zunder and Saslove do it. Zunder cites several reasons. First and foremost, the gift shop, an undertaking of the Hillel Lodge Auxiliary, is one of the vehicles the Auxiliary uses to raise money to improve the quality of life for



Rhoda Zinman, obm



Rickie Saslove



Lillian Zunder

the Lodge's 100 residents. The Auxiliary has recently donated a piano, a VCR, several electric beds, and computer software aimed at simplifying residents' record-keeping (thereby freeing up staff resources) at the Lodge, and soon hopes to donate a 300-piece cup and saucer set for special occasions. The Auxiliary also funds residents' birthday parties, flowers for Shabbat, and many other *heimische* touches.

A second reason, says Zunder, is that the gift shop provides many residents with a place to go shopping and socialize, without having to rely on others to take them to a store. Several of them have become "regulars," coming in frequently to buy gifts for their children or grandchildren. According to Saslove, if the shop weren't there, many residents wouldn't be able to go shopping at all. This doesn't only benefit the residents, she adds, noting that her experiences with Lodge residents and the friendships she has made since the gift shop first opened gives her "a good warm feeling."

The gift shop, whose growing reputation has reached as far as Montreal and Toronto (a remarkable feat since the store does no advertising), also plays an important role in bringing people into the Lodge. Resi-

dents, many of whom rarely, if ever, get out, always brighten up when they see an old friend or acquaintance, or the friendly face of someone new who has come into the Lodge to shop for a gift. And it's not unusual for Hillel Academy students to come over after school, to take a Bar Mitzvah lesson or meet a parent or grandparent at the shop. Zunder is keen to emphasize the importance of the gift shop in helping residents socialize with outsiders.

A tear suddenly comes into Zunder's eye when she discusses one of the other reasons she works so hard for the gift shop. The shop, she explains, was the special project of her best friend, Rhoda Zinman, who got the idea from the gift shop in the nursing home Zinman's parents resided in, in Montreal.

Zinman recognized how positive an influence that shop had on her parents and other residents and its fund-raising potential, and brought the idea back to Zunder. Convincing Zunder worked closely with Zinman to persuade the Hillel Lodge Auxiliary to approve a similar project for the new building that was then on the drawing board. Both women then worked with Executive Director Steven Schneiderman, the Lodge's architect, and many others to bring Zinman's idea to fruition.

As the new Lodge and gift shop neared completion, tragedy struck. Zinman came down with the fatal illness that would claim her life less than two months after the gift shop opened. While Zinman was present when the shop opened in October 2000,

Zunder knew how sad Zinman was that she wouldn't be able to see the shop achieve the success she knew would eventually come. A plaque honouring Zinman for her amazing efforts now sits behind the gift shop's cash register.

Now that the shop is open and running, what are Zunder and Saslove's future plans? The two women, who work really well together despite their different personalities, want to build up the gift shop's reputation as a place where clients can purchase unique gifts at reasonable prices. They want to expand the store's operating hours from four days to five or six, and attract more residents and visitors to the shop and coffee shop just outside. And of course, they want more kids to come over for a visit,

from Hillel Academy and elsewhere. Zunder and Saslove are also quite keen on helping a new third "manager," Ray Goldstein, learn about the ins and outs of the gift shop so she can take on more of their existing load.

Most of all, Zunder and Saslove want to continue having fun. Despite their hard work and long hours, that's what usually happens.

"When we have a phenomenal day," says Zunder, "we're on top of the world." One senses that as a result of their dedication to Hillel Lodge and its residents, and their obvious bond with each other, many more phenomenal days are in store for Zunder, Saslove, and their dedicated group of volunteers.

Come to think of it, that's just the way Rhoda Zinman would have wanted it.

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Bruce Garner, *Fine Spring Day*, 2001

Dedicated to the Residents of Hillel Lodge
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May 20, 2001.

I interviewed Bruce Garner at his home-studio, one hot day this summer. He and his wife made me welcome under the shade of an awning, with a glass of their crystal-clear spring water. The couple was taking a rest from moving large stones into place, at the end of a huge pool of water, which would soon support a waterfall. As I looked around, I could hear the sound of running water, see a variety of animals and exotic plants, and feel the harmony of nature.

Garner, an internationally renowned sculptor, credits his early study at Central Tech School in Toronto, for much of his success. Many jobs took him across Canada in his youth, but it was a commission in 1966 to sculpt a stallion that deter-

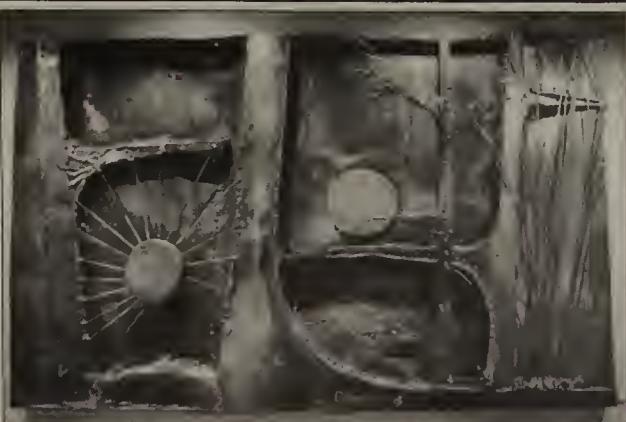
mined his lifelong career. Many of his sculptures can be seen throughout the city – the large bear that holds a fish by a pool of water on Sparks Street; the graceful figure of the goddess Degan who stands on a Canada goose perched on top of the CHUM Market Media Mall; or the Tree of Life that seems to grow out of the floor of the lobby at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

When I saw the photographs of his completed monumental works, I wondered at the strength needed to execute them. A tour of his foundry answered my thoughts and confirmed that although inventive devices bend and weld the metal, they do not preclude the necessity of pure physical strength. Garner respects the Roman philosophy, *Sana mens in sano*

corpo, and the Romans would have admired Garner's fortitude in cycling from Toronto to Algonquin Park in two days.

Algonquin Park – cathedral-like, quiet and peaceful with its trees stretching high overhead – inspired many of his landscape sculptures, including *Fine Spring Day*.

The bronze reflects the artist's strength and his sensitivity. It has a monumental presence, yet the branches have the delicacy of fine lace. Garner varies the texture and colour as he plays with convex and concave surfaces across the picture plane. The trees burst out of their frame, spreading into the viewer's space, engaging us all the more. Distant hills recede into a cavernous space while light catches the sur-



Bruce Garner, *Fine Spring Day*, 2001

face of the trees, the sun and the moon, conveying to the viewer an experience with nature, on the south wall of the lobby of Hillel Lodge.

Bruce Garner continues in a tradition of describing the northern landscape that began with the Group of Seven's paintings in the 1910s, and Elizabeth Wyn Wood's sculptures in the 1920s. Inspiration came from the colours, the

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In the nick of time

News from the Bruise

Ian Sadinsky

The response to the column has been overwhelming. But more overwhelming has been the penchant for people – even total strangers – to come up and call me "Bruiser" or "Bruise" (Lenny Farber thought it was "Killer") right to my face.

Folks, this is a made-up name (made up by Robert Greenberg, aided and abetted by Jon Braun). My mother hates it ("it will follow you to your grave") and my wife is very uncomfortable with it, knowing the sweet and loveable guy that lurks beneath the nasty nom de plume ("must be an overabundance of testosterone").

Nevertheless, it started me thinking about the dearth of nicknames we have in the community, even in the sporting arena. I discussed the matter with Jeff Polowin, a sports nut and two months my senior. He is the only man still standing between me and my true mission in sports – to be the oldest player in the Ottawa Jewish Men's Basketball League! Jeff's been chairing the Ottawa Sports Celebrity Dinner while he nurses a broken pinkie on his left hand ("not my shooting hand").

Jeff, who has been called "The Legend," could think of few Jewish athletes today who could match the evocative nicknames of players past like "Hammering Hank" Greenberg. We have Josh "Hollywood" Schacter and Charles "White Thunder" Schachnow – but nothing to match "Poop" Levitan.

Most local nicknames are feeble, usually a derivative of a person's given name or surname. For example, Jeff is also called "JP," but so too is Jeff Pleet, who is also called "Pleetski." There is a cer-

tain irony in the fact that many Jews who had letters dropped from their name when they came to Canada often pick them up again in the street vernacular.

If a name seems too complicated, like Slipacoff, we drop the excess lettering, and call every male "Slip" or "Slippy" (as in Adam, Harvey, David, etc.)

Outside sports, we've had a number of unique nicknames like the late "Bear" Kardash, Stephen "Beano" Victor, Sly Holloway, "Mutt" and "Chief" Greenberg, and my favourite "Weiner the Bluffer" (shades of I.B. Singer!).

It is interesting that a number of these personalities were or are lawyers, since "nick" was the old English name for prison. Therefore, a nickname was a prison name or street alias, often used by life's undesirables to confuse the police who also had their own handles (cops, fuzz, rollers, John Law to name a few).

Women usually get the short shrift when it comes to nicknames. Names that come to mind are "Ritz" Gould, and "Footsie" Greenberg. Jeff Pallone and I used to go to Montreal with our A.A. brethren when we were 14 (that's right 14) and we would get fixed up on blind dates with Montreal's most eligible debutantes. Our favourite pastime was to sit back and watch the girls play games late Sunday afternoon to bring the crowds into this eatery.

Brewskis with the Bruise I had a chat with affable Viva's co-owner Paul Bregman about my idea for scheduling OJMBL "Showtime" games late Sunday afternoon to bring the crowds into his eatery.

While the OJMBL considers this idea, he is prepared to set up a nice buffet Wednesday evenings, complete with big-screen TV for hockey, basketball, or whatever. He may even consider getting a temporary beer licence to help quench the thirst of the players and their fans (according to my calculations a Molson's Party Pak could probably handle the whole league and the onlookers). Tip-off time for this new venture would be early January. I like the concept. Hope it works.

I would be interested in hearing some of your favourite nicknames – sports-related or otherwise. Send them to this newspaper c/o The Bruiser (man, I hate that name!).

Bell curves and basketballs

As most first year statis-

tics students can tell you, the most normal distribution of anything is a bell curve. When plotted on a diagram it looks like the profile of a bell, skinny on one side, fat in the middle, and skinny on the other side (this explanation from a man who studied economics with Nobel laureate Milton Friedman at the University of Chicago!).

For example, in a class of 100 students, if the bell curve is applied, 10 will fail, 20 will just pass, 40 will get average marks, 20 will do well, and 10 will excel. If you can't understand this example, assume you are in the first group and go on to the next paragraph. By the same token, if you have read this column to this point, be assured that you are not in the top group either.

This is not a bell curve. What it is proof positive that the league has a lot of years ahead of it because the median age is somewhere in the 20's. If you need help figuring out the median, mean, or standard deviation, contact longtime OJMBL star Howard Krebs at Statistics Canada. Son Jon Krebs is burning up the league this year now that his Dad has taken advantage of the league's early retirement program.

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That's the news from the Bruise. Keep your head up!



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Adult Programs

Art as a Journey into Memory: instructed by Bryna Cohen

Tap your memory for inspiration in art. Use personal mementoes and photos as the point of departure in the creative process. Learn a variety of techniques such as watercolour and drawing. Runs from January 24 - February 28, Thursdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 M, \$70 NM

Ballroom Dancing: instructed by Yvonne MacLeod

Learn a varied repertoire of dance, fox trot, waltz, swing, merengue, cha cha, and rhumba. Runs from January 10 - March 7, Thursdays 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$100/couple M, \$130/couple NM

Embroidering a Matzah Cover: instructed by Elena Keen

Create a matzah cover in time for Pesach. Runs from January 9 - February 13, Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 M, \$60 NM

Conversational Hebrew: instructed by TBA

Learn the living Hebrew language or refresh what you have already learned at school or in Israel. Runs from January 10 - March 14, Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 M, \$70 NM. For further information call Programming Director Maxine Miska at 798-9818 ext. 263 or email mmiska@jccottawa.com

Teen Programs

Self Defense: instructed by Shawn Mozen

Learn self defense through this official hand-to-hand combat system of the Israeli army. Duration: January 8th - February 26, on Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$50 M, \$75 NM Age: grades 9-13

MTV Dance: instructed by Erin Dube

Learn the coolest dance moves from your favorite MTV videos. Duration: January 13th - March 3, Sundays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 M, \$65 NM Age: grades 6-8

Urban Dance: instructed by Erin Dube

This Hip-Hop aerobics class will teach you the steps found in today's hottest videos. Duration: January 8 - February 25, Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 M, \$65 NM Age: grades 9-13

For further information call Teen Programs Manager Shawn Mozen at 798-9818 ext. 227 or email smozen@jccottawa.com

PD Day and Youth Programs

PD Day Programs (ages 5 to 12)

PD days run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with after-care available on Mondays only. Cost: \$30/day M \$45/day NM / \$20/day M (2nd child), \$25/day NM (2nd child). Dates: Friday February 15 (Hillel Academy PD Day) Monday February 18 (Hillel Academy PD Day). Friday February 21 (Ottawa-Carleton PD Day)

Weaving (ages 8 and up)

Dates January 9 - February 15 / February 20 - April 24, Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$100 M, \$130 NM

Parent + Me Karate (ages 5 and up)

Learn karate techniques with your child emphasizing self-control and non-violence. Date: January 6 - March 24, Sundays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$65 M, \$90 NM

For further information call Youth Program Manager Gail Lieff at 798-9818 ext. 303 or email glieff@jccottawa.com

Theatre Programs

Teen Production

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: May 26 - 30

Open to High School Students Auditions begin January 6, 2002

Times: Sundays 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: M \$200 per term, NM \$250 per term

Adult Workshops:

The Bible Project: Acting, Study, Performance Group / Times: Sundays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Students, Seniors \$100 per term. (Discount of 50% for additional workshops.)

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Day-time Drama: Performing Jewish Plays / Times: Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: M \$100 per term/Students (16+), Seniors \$50 per term, NM \$150 per term.

Students, Seniors \$100 per term. (Discount of 50% for additional workshops.)

Winter Term: January 6 - March 26 Spring Term: April 7 - June 16

For further information call Theatre Manager Jack Messinger at 798-9818 ext. 231 or email jmesser@jccottawa.com All Theatre Programs to be held at the Soloway JCC.

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2	Junior 1/2 Day Lessons* (age 7-12)	M \$209 • NM \$219	\$75	\$110
3	Teen 1/2 Day Lessons* (age 13-17)	M \$245 • NM \$255	\$75	\$110
4	All-Day Instruction (age 7-15)**	M \$309 • NM \$319	\$75	\$110
5	Lifts Only (age 7-12)	M \$115 • NM \$125	\$75	\$110
6	Lifts Only (age 13-18)	M \$165 • NM \$175	\$75	\$110
7	1/2-Day Snowboarding Lessons (age 9-17)	M \$245 • NM \$255	\$75	\$110
8	All-Day Snowboarding Lessons (age 9-17)	M \$309 • NM \$319	\$75	\$110

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Pick up your ski/snowboarding registration form at the SJCC Customer Service desk or phone 798-9818, ext. 295. For more information, contact Jon Braun, Athletics and Leagues Manager, at ext. 267.

Cheques, Visa, Mastercard and Amex accepted. Cheques must be payable to Hapoel Ski Program, Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1R9.

Ski tags and group information will be mailed to you in early January.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

January 7 - Edelweiss; January 24 - Teen Bus.

Rental measurements taken on January 10 at 7:00 pm, SJCC. All skiers who need rentals should be present to ensure proper fit.

REFUND POLICY:

Complete refund less administrative fee of \$5 if notice of withdrawal received by January 8, 2002. No refunds after January 9, except for medical reasons.



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No. 9

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Departure: 9:00 am from the SJCC

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Creating your own signature pizza



Soup to Nuts

Donna Karlin

One of the favourite dishes of all time is pizza. If you don't have a pizza pan, make the dough in a jelly roll pan and try a variety of toppings to create your own signature pizza. I frequently make a pan of roasted vegetables as a side dish and when I have leftovers, I use them to top a pizza. If you like your vegetables crunchier, then chop fresh peppers, zucchini, onions, mushrooms, even eggplant to top your pizza before baking it. If you want the pizza taste with less fuss, use baguette bread, pita, English muffins, even a trimmed portobello mushroom – for those of you who are watching their carb intake – for the crust. You can also use ready-made pizza or spaghetti sauce. Spice and herb it up to make it seem more homemade.

Traditional Pizzeria Dough

1 cup water
2 tbsp milk
2 tsp sugar
1 1/4 tsp salt
1 tbsp shortening
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp corn meal
3 cups flour
1 1/4 tsp yeast



In processor: Place water, milk, sugar, salt, shortening and olive oil in processor bowl and pulse to dissolve sugar and salt. Add yeast, corn meal and flour. Process until a soft ball forms. Remove from machine and allow to rest, covered with a tea towel, about 45 minutes. Gently punch down dough to deflate before using. Let rest 15 minutes more before using in your favourite recipe. You can refrigerate dough in a lightly greased plastic bag for up to 2 days before using.

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4 sun-dried tomato halves
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1 12-oz jar roasted red peppers
4 cloves garlic, crushed
3 tbsp olive oil
1/8 tsp hot red pepper flakes
3/4 tsp salt or to taste
1/2 tsp sugar
1/4 tsp freshly ground pepper
1 tsp dried oregano
1 tsp dried basil
1 tbsp minced fresh parsley



In a small bowl, cover sun-dried tomatoes with boiling water. Let stand 5 minutes and drain. Drain the red peppers, and then place them, along with sun-dried tomatoes and canned tomatoes in the food processor and process until smooth. In a medium saucepan, over low heat, sauté the garlic in olive oil. Stir in tomato mixture and cook about 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook another five minutes. Adjust salt and pepper to taste. Cool completely before using. Makes about 4 cups. Freezes well.

Greek Pizza

1 12" pizza crust, baked
1 tbsp olive oil
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
3 medium Italian plum tomatoes, sliced
2 tsp chopped fresh oregano or 1 tsp dried
1/2 cup steamed chopped spinach, squeezed dry
1/4 cup sliced black olives
1 cup crumbled feta cheese

Heat the olive oil in frying pan. Add the onion and garlic. Cook until just soft. Set aside. Sprinkle the mozzarella over the crust. Top with the sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle on the oregano. Spoon on the onion mix, spinach, and black olives. Sprinkle on the feta. Bake at 425° for 15 to 20 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

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Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Located in Czechoslovakia, the Terezin of the Second World War – renamed Theresienstadt by Nazi Germany – differed from most other concentration camps in three ways. One, although thousands of Jews died there, Terezin was not a death camp. For most of its inmates, it was a way station to the much harsher labour and death camps located further east.

Two, the numerous Jewish artists and professionals imprisoned in Terezin provided informal, often secret, classes for the children and other programs. Especially uplifting was the staging and performances of the children's opera, *Brundibar*.

Three, Terezin was the ghetto/concentration camp beautified by the Nazis in 1944, with scripted roles for the Jewish prisoners, to show International Red Cross observers how well Nazi Germany treated its Jews. Subsequently the Nazis filmed "Hitler's gift to the Jews," using it as propaganda to counter rumours about the reality of "The Final Solution."

That information and much more of the drama that was Terezin is provided

in sensitive, reader-friendly writing styles in the following books.

Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and the Children of Terezin

By Susan Goldman Rubin
Holiday House 2000
48 pps. Ages 8-12

Selected as a 2000 Sydney Taylor Honor Book by the American Association of Jewish Libraries, *Fireflies in the Dark* is a work of non-fiction based on the personal stories of survivors of Terezin, interviews with non-Jewish friends of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis, and archived materials.

Written in a straightforward narrative style, the book depicts one courageous, caring woman's determined efforts to fight back. Her weapons, her indomitable spirit and "art supplies: paint, brushes, paper, and books – not for herself but for the children."

At the time of her incarceration in Terezin in December 1942, Friedl Dicker-Brandeis was 44 years old. She was in her prime as an artist, art therapist and teacher. Her training stood her in good stead

Terezin: Hitler's so-called gift to the Jews

as she diligently and lovingly encouraged the children of Terezin to soar beyond their confines like *Fireflies in the Dark*.

Replete with photographs of Terezin, the art of Friedl Dicker-Brandeis, her colleagues and the children, and an excellent list of reference materials – including websites – *Fireflies in the Dark* is an inspiring, colourful introduction to the Terezin concentration camp.

Clara's War
By Kathy Kacer
Second Story Press 2001
196 pps Ages 10 and up

Based on many of the events briefly touched on in *Fireflies in the Dark*, *Clara's War* is a well-written, well-paced historical novel. Its author, Kathy Kacer, is a psychologist and specialist in teaching sensitive material to young children.

Both those facts undoubtedly account for Terezin being referred to as a ghetto and transit point rather than a concentration camp. They also help explain the story's emphasis on the supportive value of all sorts of relationships and its bittersweet, yet hopeful, ending.

The story focuses on Clara, her 11-year-old brother Peter, and her parents. It begins shortly before they are transported from Prague to Terezin, depicting their fear and confusion at

being uprooted, and lingers on during their ghetto existence.

Although physical violence is minimal, Clara and her family experience more than enough fear, hunger, pain, loss, and despair.

Despite the many hardships, however, Clara finds comfort in her new friends, especially Jacob, and in resolutely adjusting to the rigors of ghetto life. She and her friends even find moments of fun, laughter, and the beginnings of intimacy.

When Clara is chosen to sing the role of the sparrow in the children's opera, *Brundibar*, she gains a new sense of release and hope. These feelings, and her growing attachment to Jacob, help her through her mother's almost fatal illness and the death of her brother, Peter.

Because *Clara's War* is told in the all-seeing third-person, readers understand Jacob and Peter better than Clara does. Thus more issues than those directly experienced by Clara are in the subplots. Among them are the themes of escape, powerlessness, and being different.

Because character development is strong and the plot compelling, *Clara's War* will resonate with readers of both sexes. Additionally, the book's underlying theme – children rising

Clara's War

by Kathy Kacer

From *Clara's War*

above immediate tragedy – is especially important for kids who fixate on the here and now.

Kol kavod to Canadian author, Kathy Kacer and her Canadian publisher, Second Story Press!



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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear sister Sophie Cahn by Syd Schacter; and by Ann Schacter.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father Lazarus Schacter by Syd Schacter; and by Ann Schacter.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of a loving and devoted mother of blessed memory Inez Smith by Leslie, Maureen, Aaron and Mischa Smith.

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Best wishes to Hy Soldway on his special birthday by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

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In memory of Dan Landen by Ethel and Syd Kerzner. In memory of Etta Spector by Ethel and Syd Kerzner.

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Best wishes to Jeff and Rhoda Simbrow on their special birthdays by aunt Sally and uncle Morton Taller; and by Ethel Rodman.

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Mazel Tov to Anna and Ronnie Cantor on the birth of their grandson by Anna and Stephen Tanner and family.

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Best wishes to Ann Lazear on her very special birthday by Selma Tarantour.

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Mazel Tov to Sunny and John Tavel on their 35th wed-

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Best wishes to Evelyn Greenberg on her birthday by Myrna and Norman Barwin.

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In memory of Victoria Igby by Merle and Richard Moses.

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Saul Silverman

The origins of Chanukah are two national celebrations to commemorate Jewish victory over the Hellenizing Syrians, almost 2,200 years ago. One commemorated victory in a decisive battle; the other, an eight-day feast, celebrated the liberation, cleansing, and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

In time, the first feast was dropped and the character of the annual observance changed. The focus was on the eight days of rededication of the Temple and religious observance became central. The holiday became symbolized by the chanukiah – the candelabra – and lighting of the lights each evening, to commemorate the finding of the sanctified oil, which miraculously lasted till new, pure supplies could be readied.

The Book of Maccabees

The earliest surviving account of the Chanukah story – the struggle under the priest, Matthias, and his sons (known as the Maccabees) is

the Book of Maccabees. The book is part of the Apocrypha, ancient writings of ambiguous significance that has no formal status in Judaism.

Other than a digest (the medieval "Scroll of Antiochus") which is included in Birnbaum's Orthodox Siddur, the only other place where I have seen this book referred to in commonly available Jewish sacred literature is in a page and a half of notes in the Hertz Chumash, which provide some extracts from the First Book of Maccabees.

The First Book of Maccabees, which tells the story of the Maccabean struggle, is available on the internet (<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/toc/modeng/public/Rsv1Mac.html>). The Chanukah story, from its beginning to the liberation and rededication of the Temple, is told in chapters 1-5.

Josephus's retelling

About 200 years after the Maccabee wars, Josephus –

the priestly general who surrendered to the Romans and wrote a history of the Roman-Jewish Wars – wrote another book, *The Antiquities*. This was a history of the Jews aimed at creating a favourable image for his people.

In his coverage of the Maccabean Wars, Josephus drew on documents that were then available (from Roman and other sources) and on oral tradition that was still quite vivid in his time. Book XII of *The Antiquities* covers in detail the period of 170 years, from the death of Alexander the Great to the death of Judas Maccabeus (<http://www.ccel.org/lj/josephus/works/ant-12.htm>) [hyphen in original].

A modern perspective

A clear retelling of the Chanukah story that puts the ancient material in perspective can be found in Jeffrey J. Godfrey's "The Hasmonean Revolt" (<http://pigseye.kenyon.edu/~jgodfrey/hasmonean.htm>).

This is a 1997 essay drawing on ancient and modern sources, by a history major at Kennesaw State University, in Georgia. Besides a summary of events, Godfrey reviews the various (and

inconclusive) attempts by scholars to explain why Antiochus launched his attempt to suppress Judaism and annihilate those Jews who resisted apostasy.

Four contrasting explanations are offered. The most general is that Antiochus, a Hellenistic monarch of the Seleucid dynasty centered in Syria, was simply an ardent Hellenizer, a believer that any group of people who did not speak Greek, adopt Greek culture, and follow Greek pantheon including the political worship of the ruling monarch as one of the gods, were dangerous barbarians and fanatics. A second theory is that his coerced Hellenization of the Jews was part of his strategy to unify countries under his rule and make his Empire stronger. Religious and cultural conformity was an instrument of realpolitik. A third and primarily military view is that Antiochus believed that the Jews (particularly the Jewish zealots, or Hasidim) were sympathetic to his Egyptian rivals for dominance in the Fertile Crescent; his persecution was intended as a pre-emptive strike. Finally, others believe that the persecution

primarily related to internal Jewish politics. In this view, it was instigated by Jewish Hellenizers, led by a few of the High Priests, who were promoting their local political agenda and wanted to curry favor with the King, and gain his support against their enemies.

The key to resistance was the unity between the Maccabean-led popular forces and the remnants of the Hasidism. Unity involved pursuing a successful guerrilla war that had a definite religious-ideological component. The decision was made that fighting, in self-defense, was justified even on the

Shabbat (earlier, non-resistant Hasidim had been slaughtered by enemy attacks on Shabbat).

That lesson was not lost as modern Israel struggled to revive the Maccabean tradition of Zionist national liberation. And it is this lesson – together with unity as a precondition to preserving our traditions of freedom – which we need to constantly remember as we light the Chanukah lights.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>Traditional Chanukah Unes at Peace Tower, entire daily concert by Dominion Carilloneur Gordon Stater, Parliament Hill, 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Living Judaism, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harary, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>The Book of Ethics for Women, with Baylah Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Greenberg Families Library and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, The Author Talks; Dr. Joy Schwartz presents "The Genie in the Bottle and Related Scientific Tales," The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Choir performs for Temi Foundation's Chanukah Celebration, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Shira Ottawa Choir performs, Minto Plaza Suite Hotel, 433 Laurier Ave. West, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>SJCC Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Choir performs, The Bess and Mae Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadolny Varnissage, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>JET, Pirkei Avot/Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>UJA, Millennium Mural Varnissage, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Parshat Hashavua (for Teens), The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Chanukah Ball, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melave Malka and farbrengen for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Jewish Film Society, Films: <i>Expulsion and Memory</i>, Canada 1996 and <i>Both Sides of the Wire</i>, Canada 1993, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shmuel Kardash in cooperation with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism, open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Congregation Family Chanukah Party, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and "The Israeli House" Chanukah Party, featuring the band, "A Touch of Kiez," open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Statistics Canada Choir presents new Chanukah songs, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, Machzikei Hadass Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.</p>
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A Happy Chanukah to all our Friends and Clients
Marilyn Taller-Waserman Keith Westerlund

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Condolences

Condolences are extended to the families of:

Jeraldene Dorothy Ballon, Toronto (daughter-in-law of Betty Ballon)

Jean David
Julius Gosevitz
Dan Landen
Henry Pass
David Pollock

May their memory be a blessing.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

JANUARY 7
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FOR FEBRUARY 4

